



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

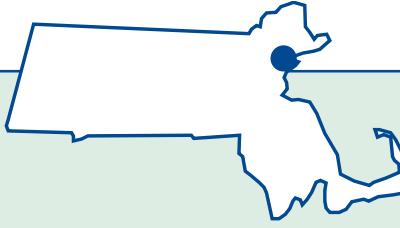
Salem, MA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Salem was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. Settled in 1626, Salem (population 40,407) is one of the oldest communities in the country. Although known for its maritime background, Salem also has a rich manufacturing and industrial history. Today, brownfields line the city's entrance corridors and clutter the downtown area. The two target cleanup sites are in the Point Neighborhood, the most densely populated and lowest income area in the city. More than 88 percent of the population in the Point Neighborhood has a low-to-moderate income, with 26.4 percent living below the poverty level. The city plans to redevelop the Peabody Street property into a waterfront park that will allow pedestrian access to the future South River Harborwalk and provide much-needed greenspace. Cleanup of 61 Ward Street



Cleanup Grants



\$325,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Salem for two brownfields cleanup grants. Grant funds will be used to clean up soil contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons at 15 Peabody Street, a property used by power plants from 1890 to 1965. Grant funds also will be used to clean up petroleum-based contamination at 61 Ward Street, a vacant site that was home to several automotive service stations from 1937 to 1983. Cleanup at both sites will involve excavation and disposal of contaminated soil. Funds from both grants will be used to support community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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will enable the city to reconfigure a dangerous intersection in the neighborhood, making it more pedestrian friendly. The site will be redeveloped as a new gateway to this historic neighborhood, incorporating a pocket park, sidewalks, and signage reflecting the heritage of the area.